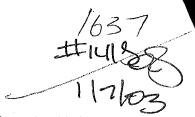


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## PETITION FOR \_\_\_\_\_MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extenson of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-1529</u>.

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